construction of a reservoir at Kannambadi at a cost of 89 lakhs of rupees, which will bring an additional area of 25,000 acres under cultivation, has been sanctioned.

The cases referred to by the members will be enquired into and Government are also anxious that small tanks should be improved.

SUBJECT No. 96.

Reclassification of minor and major tanks.

Mr. Mahalinganna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Tanks having an atchkat of Rs. 300 and above are designated major tanks and their repairs are being undertaken by the Public Works Department, while the minor tanks are dealt with in the Revenue Department. As there is greater facility for doing work in the former department than in the latter, it is prayed that the existing minimum of Rs. 300 be reduced to Rs. 200 so as to bring a larger number of tanks under the category of major tanks. Such reclassification would be of great advantage to the ryots in their agricultural pursuits. The ryots should also be exempted from the liability to contribute.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer and the Revenue Commissioner. The liability to contribute cannot be dispensed with and consistently with maintaining it, the reduction of the limit of classification will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 97.

(*a*) Annual repairs to tanks and channels.

(*b*) Maintenance work to tanks and channels.

(*a*) Messrs. Ramiah and Daulat Hanumaiya Setty, Malvalli taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Timme Gowda, Bannur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The annual repairs of tanks and channels are not done by the ryots as per standing orders. Tanks and channels are therefore silted up and cannot hold a full supply of water. It is therefore prayed that the annual repairs be done through Government agency and the ryot made to pay a cess of annas 8 per acre towards the cost of such works.

(*b*) The silt-clearing in the nalas is done by ryots and results in friction between big and small land-holders, which impedes the progress of the work. To remedy this defect it was suggested that 2 annas per acre may be levied from ryots and silt-clearing work done by Government. The subject was discussed in the previous Assembly meetings and Government were pleased to reply that orders would be issued. The ryots are prepared to pay the cess in the case of the Malvalli, Marahalli and Bannur tanks and though they have applied to the Deputy Commissioner their prayer has not been sanctioned. As nothing has yet been done in the matter, it is requested that speedy orders may be issued.

Mr. Gubbi Ramanuja Iyengar.—In the case of the Kadaba tank also the application of the ryots to levy a cess in lieu ot their liability to maintain has also been pending for a long time.